

**SUMMER SERIES ON
ENHANCING PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN CHILD
PROTECTIVE PROCEEDINGS:**

**ENGAGING FATHERS
RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS FOR FULL ENGAGEMENT**

August 12, 2008

Holiday Inn-South, Lansing

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



State Court Administrative Office -- Child Welfare Services

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Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice***

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The child welfare system can improve outcomes for children involved with child protective proceedings simply by promoting positive adult male interaction with those children. This interactive training will encourage service providers and legal professionals at all levels to examine their program policies, practices, and procedures and identify any features that may inadvertently preclude fathers or other men from benefiting from offered services.

In addition to learning about some of the latest fatherhood research, attendees will learn specific techniques for promoting positive working relationships, even when working with the most challenging men. A brief look at the biological implications of male behavior and male communication styles will show why working with men often requires a very different approach than the traditional mother-focused approach.

During one interactive session, a panel of experts who work with fathers in a variety of human service fields will offer helpful suggestions as to how to encourage male clients to participate in services offered by DHS. Additionally, we will discuss the components of successful fatherhood programming and hear about some innovative fatherhood work already being done here in Michigan.

TARGET AUDIENCE

- Judges and referees
- Prosecutors/Assistant attorneys general
- Lawyer-guardians ad litem and parents' attorneys
- Children's Protective Services workers
- Department of Human Services and private agency caseworkers
- Tribal caseworkers, judges, attorneys, and related staff
- CASAs, Foster Care Review Board members, and related child welfare professionals

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REGISTRATION

THERE IS NO REGISTRATION COST TO ATTEND THIS TRAINING. The cost of this training is generously funded by the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice. All training materials, parking validation and lunch are provided. Except for DHS workers, mileage and lodging will not be reimbursed and are the responsibility of individual attendees. To enable DHS workers to attend this training, the Governor's Task Force on Children's Justice has generously agreed to reimburse DHS workers' mileage and lodging, as detailed in the L-letter related to this training announcement.

Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. However, there may be some exceptions to ensure geographic diversity and participation across professions. A confirmation letter will be sent to you approximately two weeks before the training. That letter will provide an agenda and additional details about the training.

Fill out and return the completed Training Registration form no later than July 28, 2008.

CONTINUING EDUCATION UNITS

An application to offer Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for LMSWs and LBSWs has been submitted and approval is pending. Upon approval, we will provide CEUs at no charge to qualified individuals who attend the entire portion of the training for which they are registered. Attendance forms must be signed on site in order to receive the certificate necessary to receive CEUs. There are no exceptions to these requirements.

LODGING INFORMATION

A limited block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn-South in Lansing through July 11, 2008.

Please Note: You are responsible for your overnight expenses; however, a special rate of \$65.00 has been negotiated. To make your reservation, contact the Holiday Inn-South directly at 517- 694-8123. When making your reservation, please be sure to specify that you are attending the State Court Administrative Office-Child Welfare Services training to ensure that you receive our special reduced rate.

If you have any questions, please call Julie Welch or Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 833 or 836 or e-mail us at welchj@michigan.gov or doerrj@michigan.gov.

GETTING THERE

The Holiday Inn-South is located 6820 South Cedar Street, Lansing, MI, 48911. Directions can be found by going to the following websites:

Hotel site: <http://www.hislansing.com/guest.html>

MapQuest: www.mapquest.com

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(Please print or type legibly, because this information will be used for your name tag.)

Name: _____ Title: _____

Agency/Organization: _____

Length of Involvement with Child Protective Proceedings/Child Welfare: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

County: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____ Special Needs: _____

E-mail: _____ (Confirmations will be sent by e-mail only.)

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Return completed registration form by July 28, 2008, to:

**PAAM/CATS
116 W. Ottawa, Suite 500
Lansing, MI 48933
Fax: 517-334-6787**

For further information, or if you require handicap access to facilities or special assistance at the program, please contact Julie Welch or Jennifer Doerr at 517-334-6060 ext. 833 or 836 or e-mail us at welchj@michigan.gov or doerrj@michigan.gov.

Space is limited, so please return your registration as soon as possible to maximize your opportunity to attend. Your registration is a commitment to attend the entire training. Please do not register to attend this training unless you have the scheduling flexibility and have received the necessary authorization to attend. If it is necessary to cancel after you have been confirmed to attend this training, please contact Ms. Doerr as soon as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Registrations may be transferred to another individual with prior confirmation from SCAO-Child Welfare Services. **Onsite registration is not available.** Subject to space limitations, we will attempt to accommodate late registrants up to two weeks before the training dates.